

**653—14.2(272C) Definitions.**

*“Applicant”* means any person who has submitted an application to the board for a license to practice medicine, acupuncture, or genetic counseling.

*“Board”* means the board of medicine of the state of Iowa.

*“Health contract”* or *“contract”* means the written document executed by an applicant or licensee and the IPHC which establishes the terms for participation in the Iowa physician health program.

*“Impairment”* means any of the following that renders or, if left untreated, is reasonably likely to render a licensee unable to practice the licensee’s profession with reasonable skill and safety:

1. Mental disorder;
2. Physical illness or condition, including but not limited to those illnesses or conditions that would adversely affect cognitive, motor, or perceptive skills; or
3. Substance-related disorder, including abuse of or dependence on drugs or alcohol.

*“Initial agreement”* means the written document establishing the initial terms for participation in the Iowa physician health program.

*“IPHC”* or *“committee”* means the Iowa physician health committee.

*“IPHP”* or *“program”* means the Iowa physician health program.

*“Licensee”* means any person who has an Iowa license to practice medicine, acupuncture, or genetic counseling issued by the board.

*“Mental disorder”* means any disorder, condition, illness, or syndrome characterized by a clinically significant disturbance in an individual’s cognition, emotion regulation, or behavior that reflects a dysfunction in the psychological, biological, or developmental processes underlying mental functioning. Mental disorders are usually associated with significant distress or disability in social, occupational, or other important activities.

*“Participant”* means an applicant or licensee who signs an initial agreement with the Iowa physician health committee or signs a contract with the Iowa physician health committee.

*“Prospective participant”* means a licensee or applicant who self-reports an impairment to the Iowa physician health program or is referred to the Iowa physician health program by the board pursuant to 653—14.11(272C).

*“Referral by the board”* means the board has determined, with or without having taken disciplinary action, that the applicant or licensee is an appropriate candidate for participation in the IPHP pursuant to 653—14.11(272C).

*“Self-report”* means an applicant’s or a licensee’s providing written notification to the IPHC that the applicant or the licensee has been, is, or may be impaired. Information related to an impairment or a potential impairment which is provided on a license application or renewal form may be considered a self-report upon the request of the applicant or licensee and authorization from the board and agreement by the IPHC.

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